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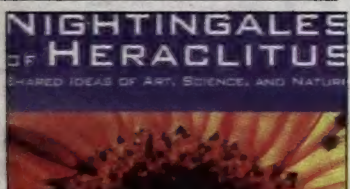
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Making angels

Dorset revels in the white
stuff during tree-lighting
ceremony on Sunday.

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Creative math

Gord Harrison combines
his passion for art, math
and nature in new book.

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In Quotes

"[Consultant Helene
Golden] informed me that
she was assured at the
time that there were no
library closures on the
books, and her process did
not cover library closures."

Rob Wallisser, page 7

County gives library debate the silent treatment

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

County council showed no
interest in reversing or revisiting
its decision to close 50 per cent
of Haliburton's libraries at its
meeting on Wednesday.

Twelve Dorset residents trav-
elled 50 kilometres on icy roads
to have their say, hoping that
council would be swayed by
arguments that the municipalities
of Algonquin Highlands and
Highlands East are too rural and
their populations too dispersed
to each have only one central
library.

"We're hoping that after our
information summary you may
consider revising and perhaps
revisiting that directive [to close
libraries] so indeed it can repre-
sent the kind of unique service
that's needed in very rural
Haliburton," Jan McDonald from
the Algonquin Cooperative
Development Corporation told
council.

But council wasn't biting.

Cheryl Murdoch, deputy-reeve
of Minden Hills and chair of the
library board, tried to clear up
the situation for the delegation,
saying that the decision was in

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Martha Perkins/TIMES

First Christmas

Cohen Nimigon doesn't know it, but he slept through his first visit with Santa after his parents brought him to the festivities at the community centre following Saturday's Santa Claus parade. There are photos of the popular Christmas event on page 21.

Lack of consultation irks lake associations

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands' most
recent decision to take the next
steps toward a second runway at
Stanhope Airport, despite over-
whelming negative public opin-
ion, has two ratepayers' associa-
tion presidents puzzled.

Gary Schultz and Paul
MacInnes, presidents of the

Oxtongue Lake and Maple, Beech
and Cameron Lakes Area ratepay-
ers' associations respectively, both
voiced strong opposition to coun-
cil's continued push for a cross-
wind runway without a public
forum on the matter.

"The analogy we have up here
is that [Reeve Eleanor Harrison]
is like the captain of the Titanic.
Full-steam ahead and damn the
icebergs," said Schultz in an inter-

view.

He had met with Harrison and
Councillor Diane Griffin about a
week before council decided to
take aerial photos of the area.
Schultz said that at the time of the
meeting, he asked Harrison to
heed the public distaste for the
project, but to no avail.

A week later on November 26,
council voted four-to-one in

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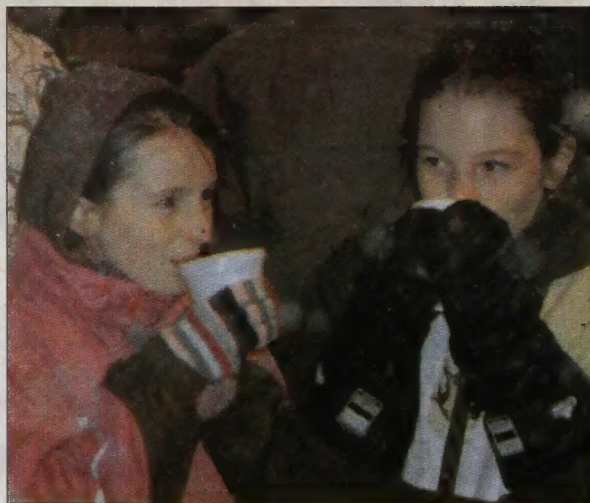
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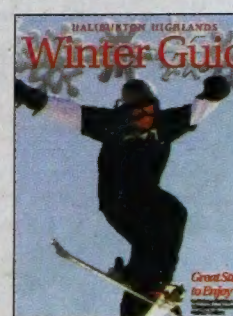
Oh come, all ye singers

Near blizzard conditions didn't stop Mindenites from celebrating the annual lighting of the Christmas tree downtown this year. On Friday night group gathered across the bridge from the tree, sipping hot chocolate and singing along with four festive Outload Womyn Choir carollers who were painting the town red: Riscylla Shaw, Dianne Hagerman, Thea Patterson and Toos Reid.

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Environmental act-ivists take to the stage this Saturday night

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Ten passionate environmentalist students are counting down the days before the world premier of their play *Theatre for the Earth* at Minden Hills council chambers on December 8.

Written, directed and performed almost entirely by the Grades 6, 7 and 8 students, the play details a struggle for the forests in Haliburton County, pitting a greedy developer against a brave child and a wise old tree.

At one of the rehearsals in the library after school, just over a week before the big day, the kids were excited, finishing each other's sentences and giggling.

"It's about the environment and how important it is —," said one who was immediately cut off by another "— and how we feel about it —" and yet another: "— and that we shouldn't be cutting it down to make big huge shopping malls."

Vanessa Smith, the co-ordinator of the project, rallied the group together, getting them on track and ready to rehearse.

She insisted that they complete the play all the way through, even though two actors were at home because it was a snow day.

"I designed how we would go about creating our own show and I'm the one who's there every week to help [the students] create and shape the show and help guide them along in the whole process," Smith said in an interview.

Her position as co-ordinator is funded through an internship grant from the Eastern Ontario Development Fund given to the Conjurors of County Town.

"We started working with the kids specifically in September. It's sort of a tie-in with the *Last of the Great White Pine* play that we did this summer. We wanted to get more drama and environmental education in the schools," she said.

Smith sat through the rehearsal with her laptop, following the lines, prompting the actors, and keeping things rolling.

For their part, the students encouraged each other,

Jenn Watt/TIMES



These students from Archie Stouffer School aren't simply excited about taking part in a world premiere of *Theatre for the Earth* this Saturday night. They're also pumped about the opportunity to encourage more people to care about the environment.

Above, actors Puru Shah, Cassie McCloy, Dakota Francis and Rylie Porter end their rehearsal with gleeful pizzazz.

Left: Cassie McCloy, left, and Daya Sweet read their lines as two of three arms of the wise old tree Ameera.



whispering lines when someone got stuck, applauding and laughing at good performances.

The cast includes an old, wise tree, named Ameera, played by Daya Sweet, Nicole Dollive and Cassie McCloy, arms tangled together like branches.

Then there is the concerned child, Terra, played by the exuberant Dakota Francis.

Puru Shah plays two roles: one of the lumber company's employee, the other of Terra's father.

Rylie Porter is a hippie, Gertrude/Moonbeam, who joins forces with Terra to save the forest from the greedy developer.

"We knew that we would have to have an evil person who was going to try to tear down our forest, a young child who wanted to save it and the really important hippie. We wanted a very wise old tree," said Dakota, who was in four or five plays last year, so she knows the ropes.

The 10 actors (including Amanda Comi and Amy Dollimok) have been coached along the way by the Playwrights Workshop Minden, which provided crucial guidance to the budding stars.

Allana Ziorjen, a high school student and playwright, came in to help the crew early on with dialogue presentation.

"They're great," Ziorjen said of the actors. "We were talking about how to present dialogue, expression and pronunciation and then we did some work on writing a little script together and I gave them a script to read."

Ziorjen hasn't seen the finished product, but will be there opening night to see how the group has grown on Saturday.

Theatre for the Earth premieres on Saturday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Minden council chambers. Admission is free but donations are accepted.

Provincial nurse shortage felt in Haliburton County

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the November 28 Haliburton County council meeting.

Eleanor Harrison, a member of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board, reported that not only does the county have a shortage of doctors, it's also short of nurses.

"It was pointed out that many nurses are due to retire across the province and right now 4,000 fewer nurses are graduating than are actually needed," she said.

There also aren't enough beds in the hospitals. "Over half of the inpatient beds in acute care are occupied by patients waiting for alternate level of care," said Harrison. "And what this means is that patients coming through the

ER are unable to be given a bed if they require one."

From July to September, both ERs in the county saw 11,000 patients. In October, Minden had 1,003 patients while Haliburton had 1,192.

Not everything clear in landfill policy

Hygiene and privacy concerns with the clear garbage bag system have been accounted for with an unpublicized accommodation for 30 per cent opaque contents in the clear bags brought to all of the county's landfills.

The minutes of the county's waste management committee on November 7 read: "... all four municipalities implement the clear bag system as of January 1, 2008, with the internal understanding that 30 per cent of contents may be opaque; and further that while all landfill attendants will be notified of this measure, there will not

be a general public announcement about it."

Time is money

Truant councillors won't be getting paid for committee meetings anymore after Warden Murray Fearrey suggested a change to the current practice. "I'm not pointing the finger at anybody here or any individual but I think we should be allowed to miss one meeting and I don't think you should be paid if you miss more than one meeting," said Fearrey.

He also proposed that payment for committee meetings be altered so that any councillor who attends a meeting for more than two hours gets \$100. Anything less than that and the councillor gets \$50. Previously councillors got \$100 only if they attended a meeting for three hours or more.

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Many hands make fundraising work

Following a leadership conference in Huntsville, some members of Helping Hands at Archie Stouffer Elementary School took it upon themselves to fundraise for a water well in India. On Friday night, Grades 6, 7 and 8 students organized a dance to raise money for the well, to be built by HAVE, a Haliburton charity that provides clean drinking water in developing countries. Tickets cost \$3 and snacks were \$1 each with all the money going to the well. Two members of Helping Hands, Kelsi Eno and Hilary Vassos, said next they're going to build a school in Africa. Above, a joyous bunch of helping hands gather at the school dance on Friday night.

Federal gov't helps pay for cairn

Veterans Affairs Canada's Cenotaph/Monument Restoration Program will contribute \$7,105 to the costs of moving the county cairn to the Village Green in downtown Minden.

"The Haliburton County Cairn has a beautiful new location in the heart of Minden Village," said Devolin.

"However, no matter where the cairn is located, its message of remembrance will remain strong."

The Haliburton County Cairn honours the sacrifices made by the local veterans who served the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War.

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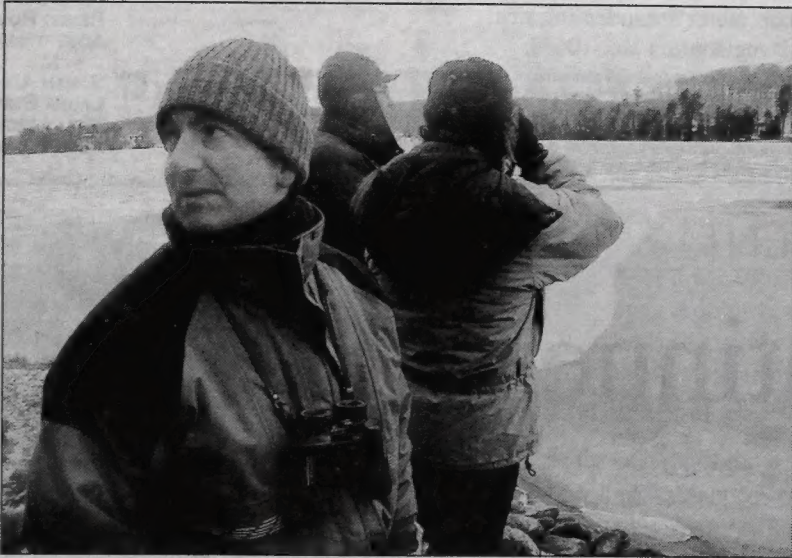
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How many birds will still be in county on Dec. 15?

by DENNIS BARRY
Special to The Times

The 41st annual Christmas bird count takes place on Saturday, December 15. The late George Scott and I were the only two observers on the first Minden CBC back in 1967. We found 19 species of wintering birds. There were no waterfowl, no crows and only one raven. A highlight was a total of 65 Red Crossbills, more than three times the highest number reported in any year since. Back then there were no Mourning Doves or Wild Turkeys in Haliburton County at any season and Canada Geese were seen only during spring and fall migration. Very few people had formal bird feeders. By contrast, last year 19 field observers plus 35 feeder-watchers found a total of 52 species including 14 species dependent on open water.

Last December there was a massive crop of seeds on almost every kind of tree in Haliburton County. This bounty extended far to the north which resulted in very little southward movement of winter finches and other species dependent on the forest for winter food. As expected, this year's crop of tree seeds is almost non-existent. Evening and pine grosbeaks and common redpolls moved south early. Folks have reported flocks of evening grosbeaks, a mixture of colourful yellow, black and white males and the more drab females, stopping briefly at feeders, but usually moving on within a



day or so. Purple finches that were common during the summer have already left. Pine siskins and goldfinches are fast disappearing as well.

Bohemian waxwings from Alaska and Yukon have moved south. Like their slightly smaller relatives, cedar waxwings, they eat mostly fruit. Once they've devoured the limited supply of wild apples and flowering crab fruit here, they'll continue south, stopping to feed in fencerows of European buckthorn around Peterborough.

Bald eagle numbers continue to increase each year. Several linger along the Gull River waterway, perhaps attracted by late-spawning whitefish and her- ring. Last December the shallow waters

of Balsam Lake south of Cobocok hosted an unprecedented fifty or more adults and juveniles just before freeze-up.

Freeze-up in the larger lakes requires several days of temperatures well below freezing with light winds. Waterfowl are already concentrated on Gull Lake and Kashagawigamog. Until these deeper lakes freeze, a few loons linger. This CBC routinely reports higher numbers of common loons than any other inland counts in Ontario, and sometimes has the highest count in the province.

Last year's bumper crop of tree seeds allowed mice and voles to store more than enough food to survive the winter and raise many young. With no wild food

Every December, bird enthusiasts spread out through Haliburton County to count the number of birds in the county on a specific day. This year's bird count is Saturday, December 15.

to store this winter, small rodents will be attracted to seeds dropped around bird feeders, which in turn should attract barred owls. Lots of food last spring meant that most owls could raise two young. Now, they too will be desperate for food as the mouse population crashes.

Those people who stocked their feeders early, no doubt, have a steady stream of chickadees and nuthatches visiting daily. This is a sign of the lack of food away from feeders, rather than indicating an abundance of chickadees around this winter. Suet not only attracts woodpeckers and gray jays, but sometimes a lingering summer resident such as the brown thrasher currently visiting feeders at Highland Wood in the village of Haliburton.

The CBC circle is 15 miles across. It extends from Kinmount and Moore Falls in the south to Mountain Lake in the north, from Bob Lake in the west to Lochlin and Irondale in the east.

Contact Ed or Thom as soon as possible to join a group on December 15.

To report birds at your feeder, phone 286-1189 between 5 and 7 p.m. on December 15, or phone Ed of Thom on December 16. Or you can e-mail your results to Dennis or mail them to Dennis Barry, 338 Crystal Beach Blvd. Whitby, ON L1N 9Z7. Species not seen by anyone on December 15th, but found on December 12, 13, 14, 16, 17 or 18 will be recorded as Count Week birds.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The story continues

THE LIBRARY SAGA continued this week, this time with feisty Dorset residents approaching county council and asking them to reconsider their August decision to "rationalize" libraries, providing funding for only one branch per township.

The usual suspects were there, Rob Walisser and Jan McDonald, and the usual response was given: this is not the time for debate, thank you for your concern, goodbye.

None of council was interested in reopening the debate, though it is questionable whether there was ever a debate to reopen.

One of the prime complaints of the Dorset crew is that there was no public consultation on the library issue.

Library board chair and deputy-reeve of Minden Hills, Cheryl Murdoch, said that there was plenty of time to hear about the closures, back in 2002 when there were eight public forums on the subject. This has been difficult to verify, since library board minutes at first seemed lost or helplessly buried both at the county library and at the county office. (They'll soon be making their way to the *Minden Times* office.)

And, in fact, *Echo* and *Times* archives indicate that these meetings were not forums, but focus groups, gathering community input on how to improve libraries. At the time, residents stressed that they did not want their branches closed in order to improve service. These were not meetings on closing libraries.

In his speech to council, Walisser told a story of his three-year-old daughter Emily, who is as passionate about keeping the library as he.

"If you want to put a smile on your face, come to my house right before we decide to go to the library. As soon as Emily hears the word 'library,' she starts running in circles and jumping up and down and yelling, 'Books, books, books!'" he said.

There were no smiles on councillors' faces.

After he had finished his piece, Murdoch reassured him that the intentions of the library board were only for the betterment of service. She said she knew what it was like living in a rural area, for she has lived rurally for some time. She also knew what it was like to care about libraries, for she had been in the education field for decades.

Thank you and bye. To be more specific, she said, "This is not a place for debate."

It could have been a place for debate if council had wished. Someone could have moved a motion to reconsider the plan, or to conduct public meetings for residents to learn more about the process. After all, it's been five years since the focus groups and there is no evidence that residents were ever consulted on the plan to close branches.

But it remained the same tight-lipped, averted-eyed avoidance of public input that has typified controversial decisions in the county of late.

It really is a horrible thing when people who are elected as representatives of the public aren't interested in listening to the public anymore. It turns them into powerful individuals, pushing their own individual agendas. And where does democracy go?

The delegation of Dorset residents trudged through the snow back to their vans to make the trek home, unsuccessful in swaying council.

"Well, I guess the *Globe and Mail* is next, or perhaps CTV," someone was heard to say.

If that's what it takes to get their own representatives to listen to them, all the power to them.

Jenn Watt

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Candy cane anyone?

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Kids like books, too

To the Editor:

I was recently informed that the councillors of Haliburton County are considering closing down the public library in Dorset. When I first heard about it I was quite concerned and I would like to tell you and everyone else why.

Every summer I go to my grandma's house and she always takes us to the library at least once a week to take out books. Two summers ago the library held a contest and it went something like this. If you could read nine books by the end of the summer you would get a prize and on top of that every time you read a book and

returned it you would get a super cool sticker. Until that summer I was never really interested in reading. I also remember that whenever I went to the library there were always at least 10 other kids there.

I would also like to point out that books are very important and are used in every day of every month of the every year. You may not realize it but we use books all the time for entertainment, school book reports, and other school work. When ever you need to get information about something the first word that pops into your head is BOOK! Books give kids some-

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IN OTHER WORDS
Columns and Letters to the Editor

Cabin fever

WITH THIS MOST RECENT winter storm assailing us, we all face the danger of contracting cabin fever. As dreaded winter illnesses go, cabin fever is among the worst, followed closely by chapped lips, nasal icicles (also known as walrus disease), and scurvy.

Unlike all of those, cabin fever is dreaded because it takes on so many forms and levels of severity. For some it means three solid months of climbing walls, hanging from light fixtures, singing show tunes, and making arm pit fart noises – something that would be far less annoying if done with your own arm pits, by the way. Luckily, it isn't always this difficult to diagnose.

Once, a buddy of mine spent an entire winter reading intelligent books, improving his vocabulary, helping around the house, and fine-tuning his social graces. At one point, he even considered shoveling the driveway before he even had to.

Clearly, this was a case of the feared malady.

Cabin fever can ruin a person just like that. Fortunately, I intervened and brought him back from the brink by inviting him on repeated fishing trips the following spring. Had I not taken the time to do this, by the way, he might have been totally unfit for hunt camp in the fall.

It's hard to know how it affects a person. For many, it takes a week or two before the symptoms of this debilitating ailment take full hold. For others who might be more weak-minded, one, perhaps two days at most is all that is required. It really just depends on your mental strength and willpower. For the record, I generally begin feeling its full effects,

about six minutes after the first snowflake touches down.

The only sure cure for cabin fever is time spent doing something absolutely outdoorsy. Early this morning, for instance, I took preventative measures: I dusted off the old snowshoes, put them on and went for a brief but invigorating jaunt. Then my wife went and ruined it all by demanding that I do this outside.

Despite her lack of support, it didn't actually feel too bad being out there and experiencing a real Canadian winter. When you are braving the cold wind, sub-zero temperatures, and thigh deep snow, your mind just naturally focuses on the important issues of the day – like the sudden impact of global warming.

Now that I am recovering, my own feel-



OUTSIDE CHANCE
Steve Galea

ing is that once you get used to it again, an honest-to-goodness Canadian winter is not such a bad thing. You just need to find a winter activity you enjoy to make the most of it. There's ice fishing, skiing, snowshoeing, hockey, skating, rabbit hunting, and thawing out in front of a blazing fire while being heavily sedated, just to name a few.

There's actually something empowering about getting out there in the elements, especially when you know that other people are inside drinking hot chocolate, keeping warm by the wood stove, and reading good books or watching television. At times like these, I always hear a little voice that says, "you might not be very smart, but at least you're rugged." Then, a little later, it whimpers, "I can't feel my extremities."

That's when it's time to go inside and embrace cabin fever.

I can be reached at
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Surprise! It's winter

DEAD BIRD STALKING. Not so much dead, as a bird with poor prospects. Not so much stalking as standing very still, as Great Blue Herons do when they are hunting.

Standing very still just outside the fence that surrounds the Kernohan Pit, waiting for a frog to swim by through the late November snow lapping at its ankles.

A miscalculating bird. Either it is too late leaving or winter is too soon arriving, catching it by surprise even as it caught most Haliburton humans off guard.

In the shadow of the doom of climate change, old-fashioned winter is taking a bow, doing some of that old soft shoe for us, an encore, a reprise of how things used to be.

This Adequate Blue-Gray Heron stands there, perfectly still, until my pickup is close enough to be excluded as prey and then it lifts off, flapping its enormous wings, over snow berms and frozen ponds, over tree tops and away. It is only a few moments later that The Brown Dog Jiggs barks the alarm from the back seat.

Unlike our songbirds, whose real homes

are in the tropics and who only come north like cottagers for a few months each summer, herons really are northern residents who move just far enough south to get away from the worst of winter.

Some of them may retreat no further than the Ontario shores of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, says Mark Carabetta, conservation science manager of Ontario Nature. Carabetta says he's seen a Great Blue walking on ice, but that was in southern New England, not Haliburton.

An old Algonquin Park handbook says the big birds typically leave in late November and return around the end of March. You might shrink that season by a week or so at each end for our part of Haliburton.

Indeed, though the old handbook puts Algonquin's latest sighting at November 29, Dennis Barry says a heron shows up

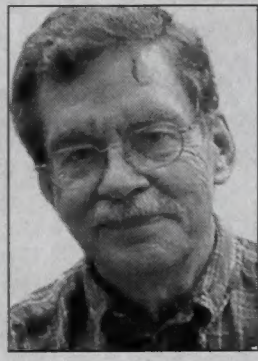
every four or five years in Haliburton's Christmas bird count.

There is nothing but guesses about what those strays do between Christmas and Easter. Do they make a belated flight south or stay here and die? Or do they somehow soldier on though most of their prey is sealed under ice?

At a guess, that fourth or fifth year when a heron showed up in the Christmas bird count did not have a December like this one. I'm betting it was a winter when the heavy snows were late arriving and the ponds were slow to freeze over.

This winter of 2007-2008 is starting out to be the kind of winter Paul Prentice of Prentice Power Sports remembers from the Sixties but then the winters of our youth always seem perfect and never-ending.

Though there's not enough of the right kind of snow for snowmobiles in my



BACK OF BEYOND
Neil Campbell

woods yet, there's a good layer on the road past Sapsucker Ridge and by Sunday night the unplowed stretch to the west of me was nicely packed by them.

Long winters are the bread and butter of snowmobile dealerships like Paul's, so he keeps careful records of their arrival. Not since 1995, according to his diary, has there been a beginning like this one.

That winter, trails were being groomed by Dec. 1 and roofs were being shoveled a week before Christmas. By Christmas, there was three feet of snow on the ground, which is more cover than we'd had lately at most winters' peaks.

Already Tom Prentice's sons must have plowed my road and driveway more times than they did all last winter. The Brown Dog and I will be finishing our breakfasts when abruptly one of us erupts into hysterical barking and I will look out the window to see a red truck reattaching my umbilical cord to town. I wonder when they sleep.

NOTE – For more information about Haliburton's Christmas bird count see page 5 of this week's Times.

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Barrier needed by cemetery

To the Editor:

Just a quick thought or suggestion.

Would it not make sense to have a more substantial barrier, such as a guardrail, installed along the east side of the section of Bobcaygeon Rd. bordering on the ceme-

tery. Surely this would prevent any further damage or destruction to the already flimsy fence and eliminate the possibility of damage to headstones. R.I.P.

Just wondering.

Paul Mitchell
Minden

Balderdash!

To the Editor:

In this age, when we are trying desperately to encourage young people to turn away (at least in part) from the idiot box (TV), this retroactive move by the county, of closing libraries, is truly unfortunate. It also shows an exceptional lack of leader-

ship by our representatives.

Here in the Algonquin Highlands we are confronted by the statement of our Deputy-reeve, Tom Gardner, among others, that "This is not a cost cutting measure, it is a service enhancement move." What balderdash!!

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Don't take away our books

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thing to do and if they take away the library they are taking away our knowledge.

I think it would be great if you could reconsider your decision and keep the Dorset public library open. I guess what I'm trying to say is not only us kids but also the adults all love books so please don't take away our public libraries. Thank you for reading my letter and remember, we love our BOOKS!

Sincerely,
Megan Allore

There are ways

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I believe that our county officials or, if not them, our township officials, could retain both library outlets, even if on a reduced scale. What is wrong with a six-day library week with three days open in Stanhope and three days in Dorset? Two part-time librarians could then service both communities. The six days could be divided in any number of ways.

While the problem incurred in Highlands East by these closings affects more outlets, I am sure that rotating open days, in some manner satisfactory to all, could be worked out by council members who really want to resolve this situation to the betterment of the people they serve.

Doug Palmer
Stanhope

How can we learn without books?

To the Editor:

I would like to know why the councilors of Haliburton County want to close the Dorset library. I think that it's a really bad idea to shut down the Dorset library because lots of adults and children go there.

I know that when I go to the Dorset library I love to read all kinds of different kinds of books. Also, a couple of years ago I entered a contest you had to read

nine books. I read all nine and I won something.

I think that with out books it would be hard to learn. Also, with out books it would be hard to know what some words mean.

Please don't shut down the Dorset library.

Thank you,
Madison Allore

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Women: High Average: Nonna Terro 169

High Single: Marie Thompson 246

High Single w/hdcp: Marie Thompson 293

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**Thursday afternoon
Nov. 29**

Men: High Average: Ken Thompson 224

High Single: Jack March 281

High Single w/hdcp: Jack March 332

High Triple Ken Thompson 718

High Triple w/hdcp: Jack March 801

Women: High Average: Shirley Webb 173

High Single: Shirley Webb 205

High Single w/hdcp: Sharon Barnhart 248

High Triple Shirley Webb 520

High Triple w/hdcp: Eleanor Bunker 666



The Dollo's IGA bonspiel winners hail from South Muskoka. From left: Lead, Gerry Dressel, Skip, Bruce White, Vice, Earl Fagan and Second, John Hunter.

Muskoka rink wins Dollo's masters bonspiel

by DON PFLUG
Special to The Times

On Tuesday, November 27, 64 curlers from Bancroft, Beaverton, Bobcaygeon, Bracebridge, Haliburton, Huntsville, Lindsay, Orillia and Port Hope, as well as some Minden teams, participated in the 4th annual Dollo's IGA Senior Men's Invitational Curling Bonspiel.

Sixteen teams competed in two eight-end

games with the team with the most points overall emerging as the winner of the event.

The team from South Muskoka won the first draw and were also winners of the Dollo's IGA trophy with the highest score overall. The team, skipped by Bruce White with Earl Fagan, vice, John Hunter, second and Gerry Dressel lead overcame some stiff competition to win this prestigious event.

The winners of the second draw were also overall second place winners. The team from

Haliburton was skipped by Ted Rule with vice, Dave Harris, second, Joe Sabesta and lead, Dick Duchemin.

Between the first and second draws, the curlers enjoyed another one of Minden Curling Club Ladies extra special home-cooked dinners which they prepared and served to the curlers.

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Land expropriation changed debate's tone

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favour of assessing the viability of newly acquired land through aerial photographs, geo-technical work and GPS layout at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

It was a controversial decision but Schultz thinks it was the way council acquired the land in the first place that sparked the intensity of the public outrage over the expansion.

The land was recently acquired from three Middleton brothers by the township. Initially, they resisted giving it up but were eventually persuaded to sell it for \$200,000 in lieu of expropriation.

"[The municipality has] taken land. They didn't acquire it, they took it," Schultz said.

"That's really what shook a lot of people. That's what got a lot of people involved. Up until then it was just about a small airport in Stanhope," he said.

The Oxtongue Lake Ratepayers Association, the residents farthest from the airport in the township, don't see much good coming from a new runway, Schultz said.

But the most stinging thing about the proposal is that ratepayers haven't been asked for input.

Schultz said the association is stunned at "the lack of communication and almost a bullying approach" of council on building the runway.

cil on building the runway.

"The more they get public reaction and the more negative comments there are the more this council seems to be entrenched and burying its head. I don't get it. I don't think they've ever, ever had as much public criticism as they have now. You think that'd make them stop for a second and think, 'Are we on the right track?'" he said.

At the last meeting, Harrison said she wanted to hold a public forum on the expansion in the spring, after the photos, geo-technical work and GPS layout are completed. Until then, she said, the public would not have enough information to get a clear image of what council is proposing.

She also wants the specifics on the new land ironed out before approaching other parties for funding the approximately \$2.3 million project.

That tactic is backward, said MacInnes, president of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association.

MacInnes says the prudent thing would be to find funding first and then proceed with the expensive assessment costs.

"In my business career I have sourced well over \$100 million in government funds ... and it was always considered the right thing to do that when you had the idea you sat down with the appropriate government agencies and said, 'Look, we don't have a business plan yet, we don't have full costs yet, but is this something that you think is a good idea that you could fund?'" he said in an interview.

"If they said no, you pretty well had to drop the idea if you were looking for any government agency funding. If they said yes, you started getting your numbers ready and getting a business plan."

MacInnes's association wants a business plan from council before it sinks any more of the taxpayers' money into the project.

But even if council did approach the government agencies first for funding, MacInnes doubts they'd get any support, because he's already contacted them and said they're not interested.

"We've talked to most of the agencies we think they could possibly go to for funding and we haven't found a single agency that has any interest in the crosswind runway expansion and certainly not in funding it," he said, specifying that he has spoken to the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Provincial Police and Air Ambulance among others.

"My concern is, we've already spent probably half a million dollars on this airport by the time [you count] legal fees, consultants, expropriating the Middleton's land, and we just voted to spend another \$50,000 - plus whatever Jim Scott's consulting fees are on top of that - and I don't see it going anywhere."

Jim Scott was hired at the last council meeting to facilitate the upcoming assessments of the new land.

Both ratepayers associations have collected signatures on petitions calling for public forums, but still haven't received any indication one will come before spring.

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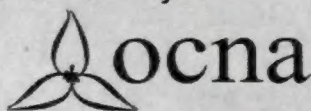
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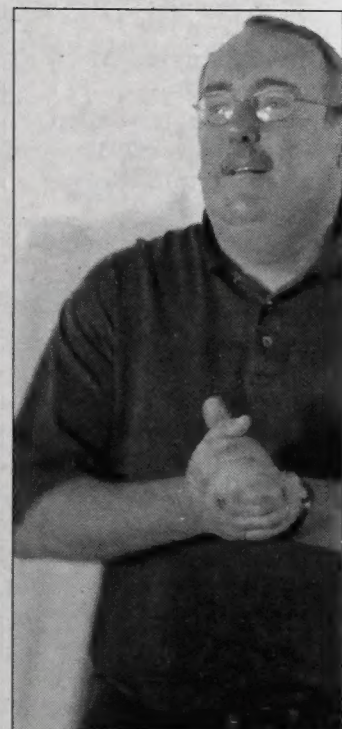


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Paul MacInnes says the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes association doubts that Algonquin Highlands will ever get funding for a crosswind runway.

The importance of being me

by DON BUXCEY
Special to The Edho

I am unemployed! But I am not a stress-filled person, full of anxiety or misery this Christmas. There is purpose to my living - joy simmers in my heart. A spring in my step belies the years I did work. I am not mad at anybody, or feeling guilty about not working.

When I was seven, mother took me downtown. I got lost. Mom let go of me for a moment, and suddenly I was alone.

The same feeling hit me again when I was laid off. I was 'unemployed'. My boss got a new machine, I was not needed any more and I felt like 'Black Beauty', a horse without a home - useless, unwanted and lost.

This world is full of wonderful lost souls, each floating around looking for a bit of importance. Instead of isolating ourselves, let's shake hands. Recognize another like yourself; see the value, importance and beauty of each other's worth. Smile. Being recognized as somebody with feelings and a personal face does wonders for your self-esteem.

Talk to the person next to you. Be fascinated by that soul beside you, who moves, talks, frowns, smiles, jumps up and down with anger, cries or pats you on the back.

I did not relish meeting people; I was much more comfortable with dogs and frogs - they let me be me. They did not build up my hopes and dreams to take them away.

They didn't promise anything.

I do not absolutely need to have a job in order to live a useful and happy life. My wife, sister and grandmother did not give up living because they did not have a paying job to go to. When I found myself unemployed, I looked to see what it was they had been doing all day. I said, "Alright, teach me. What do I do every day when there is nothing to do?"

"Wake up! Open your eyes. Do you expect to be paid for visiting Uncle Herbert in hospital? Who is going to do it if you don't?"

"Oh," said I, "that's not work. I want something to do."

"You think that is not work; just try it."

So I did.

It was like having a coffee break with my former mate at work. The thanks made me feel I had done something useful. I left the hospital with a light heart, my feet were not dragging, and I seemed to have gained energy somehow. I wrote a letter that was two months overdue to my son in Vancouver.

Our church secretary asked me to type a few stencils for the parish magazine. My heart filled with vitality as I jumped at the chance to do something useful.

For the elderly lady across the street, my daughter fetched library books. Finding something suitable was left in her young hands, until she suggested I might do a better job. It became a rewarding challenge to me and the stories I received for my efforts were much better than the fish stories I listened to at work.

Ten blocks from home I stopped to help an arthritic old man pick up clippings from his hedge. Then levelled a tilted paving stone near his front step. He gave me three bunches of carrots, some onions, a cauliflower and four roses to take home.

We lay a lot of blame at the feet of, or on the heads of, our parents for our current attitudes. We think that they brought us up all wrong.

Well I believe it is time for us to quit blaming our moms and dads for our problems. I made a lot of mistakes in my life, pursued foolish avenues or just plain 'goofed off.' But I don't want my children bitching about my life when they are forty years old.

We all have a choice - take responsibility for ourselves

and our reactions to where we are and what we have become, OR blame someone else and just sit there whining.

Now for my last point - work.

The definition in Webster's dictionary, almost totally ignored, is, "exertion of strength or faculties to accomplish something; that which is produced by mental labour (as a book, poem or embroidery)." If society cannot apply the common meaning of 'work' to unemployed people then let's re-define our place and our work by finding new ways of contributing to society.

For centuries men tried to eliminate work, shorten working hours by using slaves, or supply needs by taking them from someone else.

Now machines have replaced animals and slavery, more people are educated but out of work, to the point that we could enjoy this gift (of not working), but our aspirations are called a "social evil." Let us apply our education, talents, and imaginations (which we have not lost because of unemployment) to the task of developing a more gracious, gentle yet more vigorous community.

This task requires our unemployed yet educated creative ability. To produce this kind of community now is not a dream. We have all the tools and resources at our fingertips; our ancestors gave us the vision and desire; we have now created the long-awaited opportunity of leisure.

May you have a Blessed Christmas, a happy holiday and a peaceful season, without stress or fear.



You don't have to get your sense of self-worth from a job, Don Buxcey has learned.

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Michele Smith, Owner, Highland Grove General Store

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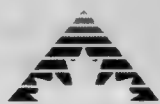
The 1800 square foot main floor offers country store products and antiques/collectibles. The upstairs loft is opening soon with a large collection of Vintage Naïve Oil Paintings, Water Colours and Limited Edition Prints and Lithographs. The future will see the addition of an

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Central libraries benefit readers: council

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the best interests of the municipalities, was needed and was long overdue.

"When I became a member of the library committee we started talking about what we thought would be the best way to go because they'd been talking about it for a long time," Murdoch said.

"This will cost the county and the municipalities more money to provide enhanced service, so it's not a cost-cutting measure in any way. And again, because of my 30 years with education, I think every ratepayer in Haliburton county deserves a modern library," she said.

In August, county council accepted the library board's recommendation to fund only one library branch per municipality.

Since that time, residents of both Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East have expressed concern that travel time to

centralized libraries would make usage of the libraries difficult and would alienate distant communities.

"I resent the fact that I was not asked for my opinion on this important matter, and as I have become more and more involved in this issue, I have come to the conclusion that there are many county residents that feel left out of this process," Rob Walisser, a Dorset resident told council.

He referred to a study done by Hélène Golden from the Southern Ontario Library Services who did a needs assessment study for the county on its libraries.

That study consulted with residents

only in small focus groups and none were conducted in Dorset.

"[Golden] informed me that she was assured at the time that there were no library closures on the books, and her process did not cover library closures at all," Walisser said.

He also lamented the dearth of public consultations or forums on the decision.

But Murdoch disagreed.

"Before my time [on the library board], in 2002, there were eight scheduled public meetings. Two of them had to be cancelled because no one showed up even though the presenters did. All were advertised and all were promoted.

"This is not just a snap decision. This is something that has been talked about and talked about and talked about and finally a decision has been made," she said.

McDonald and Walisser gave a rebuttal to Murdoch's comments, but were told the conversation was over.

"This is not a place for debate and I thank you for your presentation and I know your concerns because I've lived in small rural areas most of my life and I think now it sits at the municipalities' council tables and they will have to deal with it," Murdoch said.

The next step for the Dorset group is the special community meeting Monday, January 14 at 7 p.m. at the Frost Centre.

McDonald said all residents of the county, especially those from Highlands East where three branches must be closed, are welcome and has invited all of the councils and the library board.

"[Hélène Golden] informed me that she was assured at the time that there were no library closures on the books."

ROB WALISSER

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Under musical directors Glen Carter and Lori Reddering, the Symphony will be performing great band arrangements of Christmas music as well as selections of the Broadway composer Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The Highlands Swing Band also is featured playing some terrific swing charts of Christmas favourites, including 'Sleigh Ride' and an up-tempo version of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker called 'Nutcracker Rock'.

Joining the band this year is Canadian soprano soloist Cicela Mansson. Mansson was born in Sweden, grew up in Canada and now lives in Bobcaygeon where she follows a solo career singing classical, jazz and folk styles. She studied classical voice at McGill University and now also acts as assistant conductor of the Trillium Youth Choir. Mansson will sing a number of Christmas pieces.

Tickets for this wonderful concert are available at Masters Bookstore, Haliburton and Pharmasave Drugstore, Minden. Adults, \$10, students \$5, and family rate, \$20. For more information call 457-1671 or e-mail wildwood-farm@sympatico.ca

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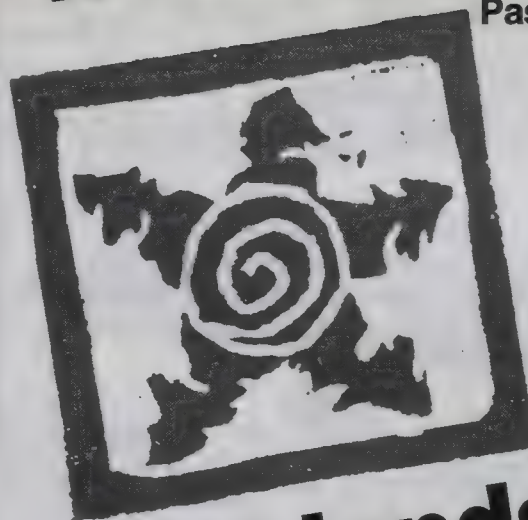
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Left: Matthew Morgan, 9, of Dorset/Baysville grabs himself a hot chocolate and a few candy canes. Above: Emma MacKay, 5, Dorset, gets creative with a snow angel.

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Dorset lights up its Christmas spirit

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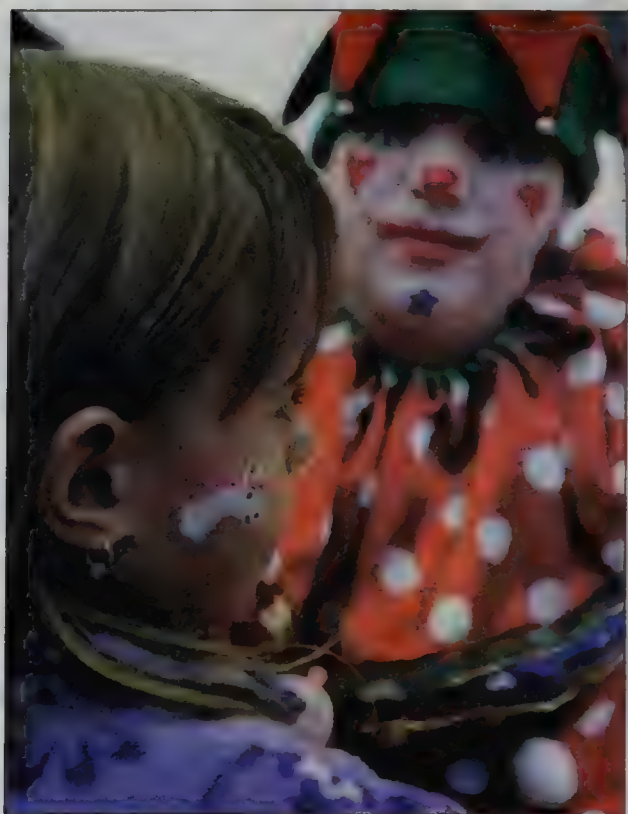
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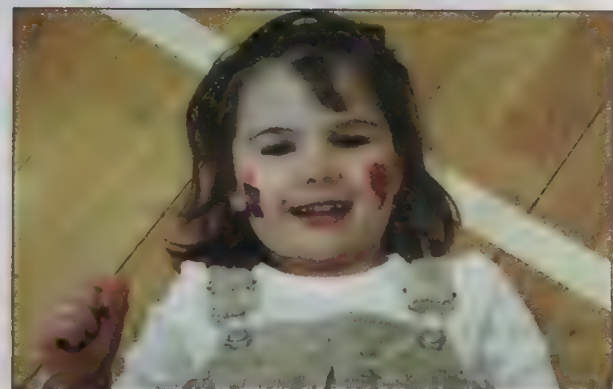
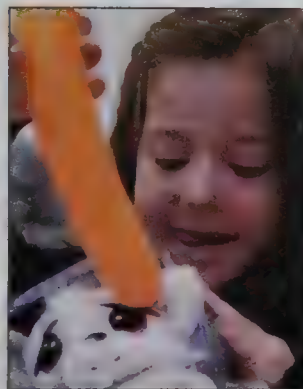
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Children took over the Dorset Community Centre on Saturday afternoon when the Dorset Lions Club hosted the annual Christmas party. Clockwise from top left, Madison gets her face painted; twins Jade and Wes delight in their introduction to Christmas parties; Emma slows down for a second; Peri tries to stick a balloon into her new toy's ear; and Tatianna helps Ashlee open her gift from Santa.



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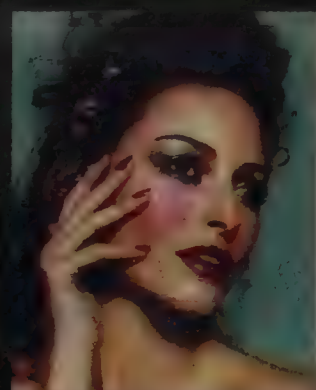
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Members of the Highland Community Playback Theatre Troupe Barry Hayward, Carol Kilby, Faye Wilkinson, and Bailey Renshaw act out how they feel after eating a whole whack of turkey.



Christmas yummies

Volunteers and staff of Community Care Haliburton County celebrated a Christmas luncheon at the Minden Legion on Nov. 29 to celebrate the efforts of 170 volunteers and fundraisers such as Heartly the Bear and the new book of real life stories in Generation to Generation. Attendees enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the fixings and after pumpkin pie there was entertainment provided by the Highland Community Playback Theatre Troupe.

Left: Roxanne Casey, resource development coordinator chats with a guest.



Terry Walker, volunteer/board member for Community Care, makes an appearance as jolly old Saint Nick.



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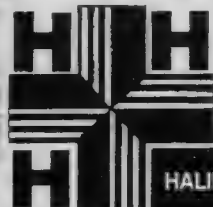
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Remember the last date to register is Dec. 14th. Don't get caught without a basket because you forgot to register.

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The nature of numbers

Gordon Harrison's new book examines how mathematics shape our world in everything from nature to art

by JENN WATT
Times staff

Numbers and the interconnectedness of all things art, science and nature are what have intrigued and excited Gordon Harrison all his life.

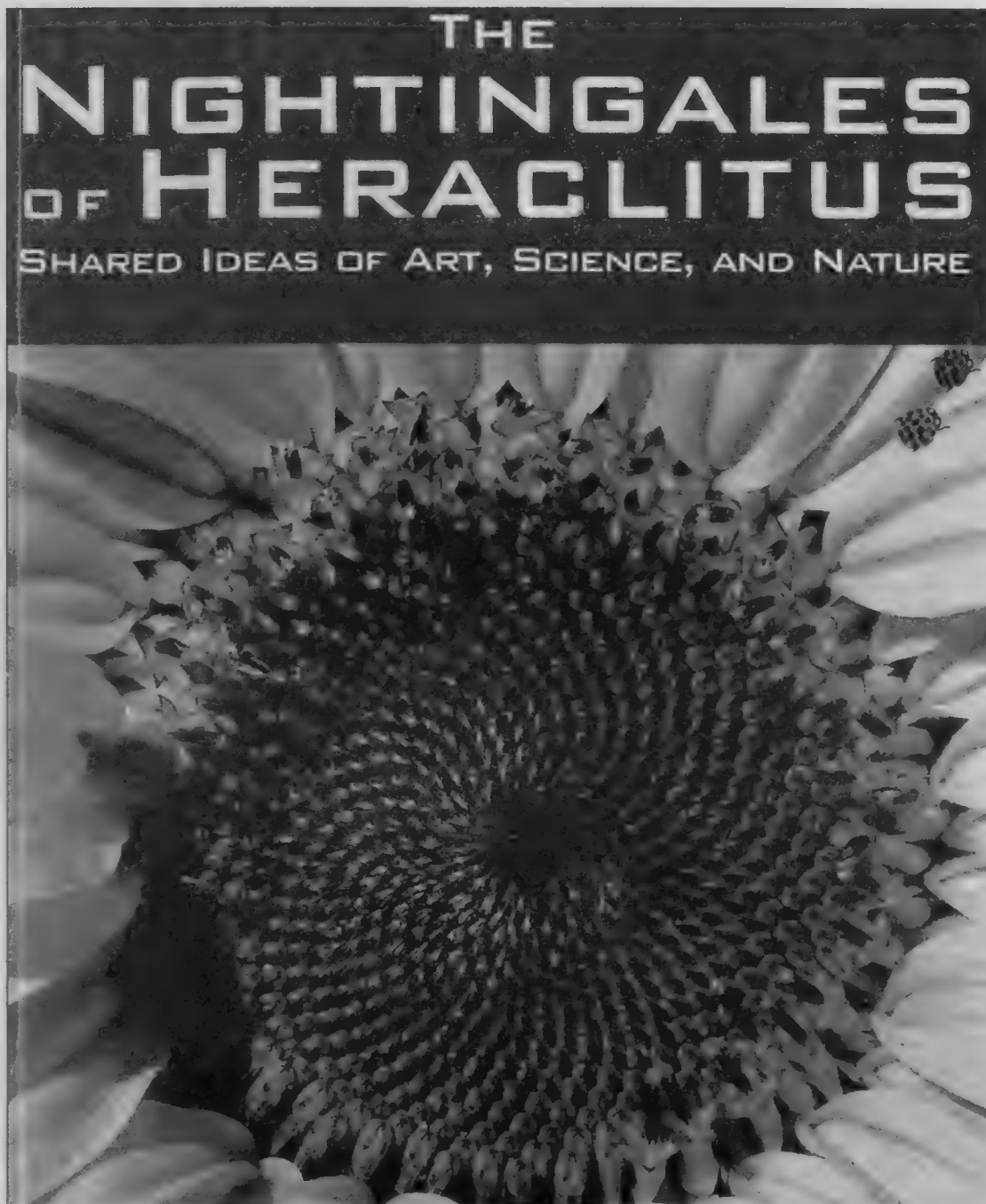
From his yearly years as a boy in Minden counting petals on wild flowers with his cousin, to earning his Master's degree in mathematics at the University of Toronto, to becoming a high school math teacher, Harrison's world view is that of the Renaissance Man: striving to know a bit of all things for a fuller understanding of the world.

And so Harrison's latest book, *The Nightingales of Heraclitus: Shared ideas of art, science, and nature*, brims with a childlike enthusiasm for discovering the world.

The 421-page book lays out 10 major themes of science and connects them to Greek mythology, paintings, and natural occurrences, all in a conversational tone.

To Harrison, there is no real point to learning mathematical equations and formulas unless you can see the

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way they connect to the larger world.

"When I taught school I didn't just stick with the one topic because it would have been too dull, so I introduced other things" like art and nature, Harrison said.

He had two math clubs while he was a teacher at Kenner Collegiate and Vocational School in Peterborough.

"We met after school for years. They met to do puzzles and games and to talk," he said.

The chapters of his book cover fractals; chaos theory; pi, phi and delta; and the geometry of spirals among many other things – enough to make a math-phobe squirm.

But what saves it from becoming a nerds-only book are the connections Harrison draws to other aspects of our world.

Take, for example, this passage on the Fibonacci sequence:

"The open fields were our special domain – the home of bumblebees, wasps, and innumerable wildflowers. We were young Pythagoreans for we loved to count. Oh, not as lovesick adolescents might with 'she loves me, she loves me not' but just a straightforward enumeration of the flower's petals. At that time what we found was consistency; years later this became a pattern, and presently we have an explanation."

This narrative is accompanied by the author's own colour photographs of those flowers, each with a specific number of petals that correspond to this mathematical sequence.

Photography is his current passion. He comes to the interview with a photo album of his most recent work – pictures of wild turkeys, bears and moths.

"I'm not good," Harrison said. "I've got a good camera. I like the techno-nerdy-Photoshop kind of stuff."

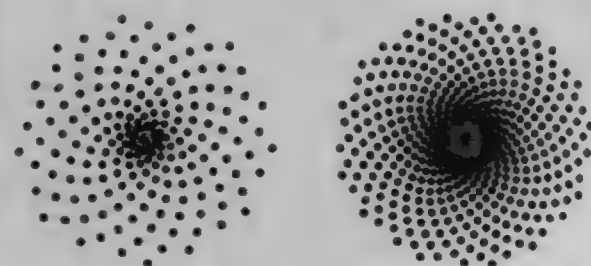
His book is also loaded with graphics and diagrams that he did himself, along with the layout. The only assistance he had was from a copy editor. He is also his own publisher, distributor and sales rep.

Harrison said his work ethic really is what got him through writing the book – and many other things in life.



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Harrison's book illustrates in detail how math is found in many things (some might say everything) in our natural world.

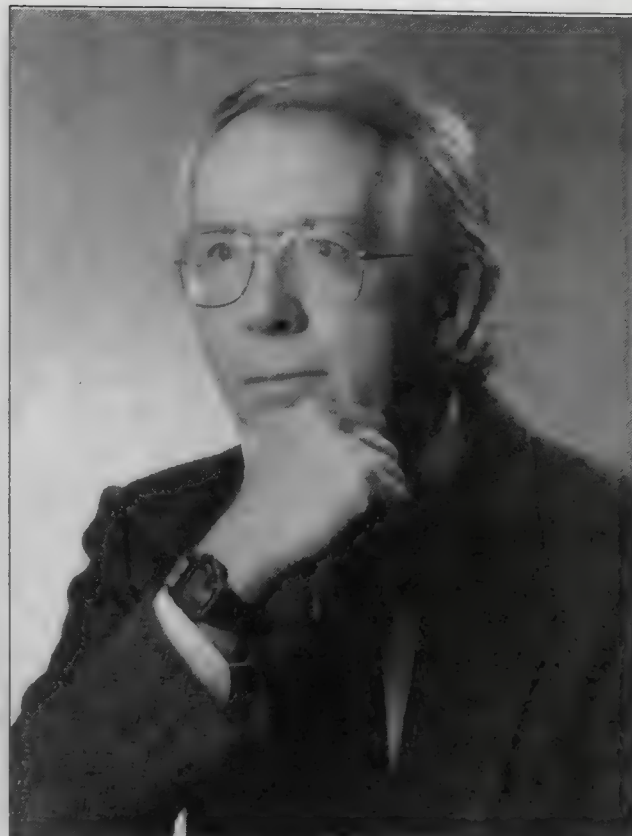
"I struggle [at math]. I find that people who are whizzes at math, which I wasn't, didn't like it as much as the people who were good at math but had to work at it," he said.

And he persevered through the five years it took to write the book, his second.

The first book he wrote was a satire of fundamentalist Christianity called *The Pattern & The Prophet* under the name James Harrison. A quick search of the Internet confirms his belief that a lot of people took the book seriously.

"I don't write like Isaac Asimov, a book a month. The previous book [*The Pattern*] took me about seven years," he said.

"It's a spoof on U.S. fundamentalist religion. Some people seemed to take it for real, however. I made a lot of money on that book. I sold 9,000 copies. This one I haven't sold as many though it's a far, far better book."



Gord Harrison is a bit of a Renaissance man - striving to fully understand the world.

You write about sex, politics or religion, one of the three and it sells," he said.

After his 29 years as a high school teacher in Peterborough, Harrison retired to his old home of Minden to write, take photos and observe nature.

He started writing a third book about sociology but stopped after 40 pages.

"I don't want to do anything that's not fun. It stopped being fun and I was way beyond my depth," he said.

But it's obvious in speaking to Harrison and reading *Nightingales* that math, to him, is fun and he wants other people to be just as excited about it as he.

When the reader is confronted with cumbersome equations, Harrison guides her through with real-life examples and a friendly, helpful tone.

"Usually [the math problems are] explained in words as well. I put some of the really mathy stuff in the end-notes. I couldn't resist," Harrison laughed.

"I think math is like poetry, it sort of flows. It has to be beautiful or it's not worthwhile," he said.

Even for those who shudder at math, there is much beauty to be found in *Nightingales*, from the Colossus statue of Rhodes to the swirl in a snail's shell.

The book costs \$37 and can be purchased by contacting Prometheus Publications: P.O. Box 68, Minden, K0M 2K0, 286-3941, www.cardano.ca.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The November 21 meeting of the Minden Women's Institute was held at the home of Clara Tomkinson on Minden Lake. The roll call was "News from another country" and the members had obviously researched this subject as there was news from England, Australia, Zimbabwe and Holland.

The big story was the Queen and Prince Philip's 60th wedding anniversary and Elva read a small item about the loss of practically of all the royal families of the world.

Hanna was convenor for the month's Business and Industry, which was read for her due to her eye operations.

She researched the life of an early school teacher, member Bette Herlihey, who at 97 years old has been retired for several years. She taught in one room schoolhouses with eight grades and the preparation was immense. The teachers usually boarded with a local family and they had to make sure that in the wintertime the wood stove was stoked first thing, very often by a senior student.

They had picnics in the summer with sports, and always a concert at Christmas time and a lot of work went into

the preparation for this. Everybody turned out for the big event.

During the Depression her salary went down and she was not paid for months. Eventually she was made a principal.

She met her husband Bob and when they married, she was no longer able to teach.

The rules excluded married women, but this eventually changed and now many teachers are married.

This was a very good presentation and certainly opened the eyes of many of the younger members.

Del Gunn read her current events for the last two months. She scans the papers for all the local news.

All the reports were read and the bills authorized and paid. Soup recipe booklets were handed out to the members, recipes from our October meeting.

Our Christmas Potluck Lunch will be held at the United Church on December 12 at 11:30 a.m.

Members were invited to bring a friend to join in the fun. Del is lunch convenor for this event and would appreciate numbers who will be attending. We hope to see some new faces, so please contact Del at 286-4884 or Pam at 754-1656.

Pam Rolfe



Bette Herlihey, now 97, was once a school teacher here in the early days.

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Who's been a good little boy and girl? Everyone who took part in Saturday's Santa Claus Parade, that's who. It was a chilly -15°, making it a bit nippy for the hundreds of people who lined Minden's main street. Parade participants were wise to cover themselves in sleeping bags to stay warm as they made their way from the Minden Hills municipal office to the community centre.



Many community groups brought smiles to the crowd's face – smiles that grew even bigger when the candy was handed out! The Kawartha Kaviliers from Lindsay once again had everyone clapping their hands in appreciation (and not just to keep warm.) It was Chuck Golden's last time leading the band in Minden. Minden Hills gave him a plaque for his years of dedication.



In Internet age, books still indispensable

In this day when so much information is shared electronically and searching the Internet for a wealth of detail on every subject imaginable is routine here at the old farmhouse the value of a good reference book still prevails. From the kitchen window a new bird, robin sized, rosy red in colour with white bars on wings appeared at the feeder undeterred by the chickadees, blue jays or the antics of the squirrel pair. Neither family nor our visiting bird-carver friend could name it. Turning to the handbook identifying birds of North America there he was – a pine grosbeak – along with a description of habits and habitat. The grosbeak hasn't returned as yet but what a good feeling to have so easily solved the question.

Lights Across Canada will be celebrated nationwide on Thursday, December 6, so do come out and join the festivities at the Kinmount Railroad Station starting at 7 p.m. Warm yourself by the bonfire, sing along to the carols, have some hot chocolate and welcome Santa as the beautiful giant tree comes aglow. Remember Santa will return again to Kinmount with his official parade along Main Street on Sunday, December 16 at 2 p.m. The parade, sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 and Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development, will then wind its way up to the Legion for refreshments and a chance to visit with Santa to make sure he knows what's on your wish list.

Kinmount United Church, 15 Cluxton Street, will be holding its White Gift Service this Sunday, December 9, at the regular time of 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome and gifts of non-perishable food items will be gratefully received for the food bank. I still smile thinking back over the years to my Sunday School days. There was always at least one little one who refused to give up their "gift" usually standing front-row centre.

Your donation of unwrapped new toys and non-perishable food items can be placed here in Kinmount under the Angel Trees provided by the Lion's Club located at Foodtown, the Health Centre, the Credit Union, the Post Office and Shop 'N' Save store. Check in your local area for similar opportunities to brighten a family's Christmas.

The Friends of the Kinmount Library invite you to its December book sale on Saturday, December 15, from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. Come and browse for your post-holiday reading, enjoy some seasonal refreshments and meet members of the Friends committee. This monthly sale takes place on the third Saturday of each month in the lower level of the Kinmount Library.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together. Please note that some events were cancelled over the past week due to weather conditions.

November 27 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Pat Scadden reports that for the ladies Pat Roussel was first at 309 then Sharron Atkinson 247 and Edith Burch 233. Leading the gents was Tom Grix 299 with Margaret Fletcher 241 second and Elli



AROUND THE TOWN

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Langpohl 239 third. Moonshots landed on Bev Johnson, Marcy Morgan, Albert Foster, Kevin Maloney, Phyllis Windsor, Elli Langpohl and Margaret Bull [2] while Jean Scadden, Georgina Parkes, Marcel Roussel and Margaret Bull won the draws.

November 27 contract bridge at Stanhope: Bruce Armstrong and Kelly Metcalf had the single Slam of the afternoon. Kelly also led the high scores at 5640 followed by Margo Davidson 5400, Linda Cherry 4850 and Muriel McIntosh 4770. Ev Morgan won the lucky draw and Dorothy Strype the Shiny Penny while Kelly took home the A.T.M.R.F. Award for Augmenting the Metcalf Retirement Fund.

November 27 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Top team members were Moe Briscoe and George Hamilton at 310 then Dorene Elstone partnered with Marj Hamilton 305. In third spot were Connie Sawyer and Ken Boldt at 242 with the low score of 67 going to Joan Meadows and Alf Briscoe.

November 28 bid euchre at Stanhope: Our reporter Gala Stamp, Tom Grix and Tom Pearson had moonshots with Jack Cox topping the white cards at 284, Dave Switzer next at 279 and Len Kroes third at 269. Pink power was with Trudy Kroes at 257 then tied for second slot at 232 were Mary Pearson and Lottie Ruttan while Dorene Elstone came third at 221.

November 28 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method Jan and Dave Heaven were first at 63%, Lois Emmerson and Ev Morgan second at 55% with Margo Davidson and Ross Fletcher a close third at 54%.

November 28 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion:

For the ladies Mildred St. Thomas was high and Marcy Morgan low with Harold Harvie high man and Mike St. Thomas low. Roger Fournier won for lone hands and Mildred St. Thomas took the draw.

November 29 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Edith Burch and Tom Orr with Gala Stamp and Ron Morrison recording the high scores. In second high spots were Kay Naylor and Bob Pollard with Gala Stamp, Tom Orr and Kay Naylor winning the other prizes.

December 1 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Single moonshots went to Elva Paisley, Bev Johnson, Kevin Maloney, Pat Roussel, Elli Langpohl and Helen Henderson with Jesse Barlow taking two. Pat Scadden led the white cards at 301 then Theresa Deak 284 with Albert Foster and Marcy Morgan tied for third at 249. First for the pinks at 271 was June Branning followed by Pearl Cowen 263 and Elva Paisley 258.

December 3 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members in order were Rose Isaacson, Pauline Franzen and Theresa Deak while Marcy Morgan won the draw. Moonshots went to Rose Isaacson, Theresa Deak, Phyllis Windsor and Vic Ballik.

December 3 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Pearl Cowen and Bill Mosley with Mabel Deacon and Jesse Barlow recording the high scores. Alf Briscoe and Verna McDonald had the afternoon's lows with Jeanne Keliele and Betty Sharpe taking home the special prizes.

December 3 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports a great turnout on hand to see Don Jemmett win for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands [on a three way cut of the cards], Jesse Barlow for low hands and Carol Derbyshire for the special prize.

December 3 euchre at Club 35: Holding the most lone hands was Helen Windsor with Tom Pearson winning the bologna. High scores were a family affair going to Ann and Robert McIvor while Jean Dutka and Tom McCartney recorded the evening's lows.

In closing, on December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and that date of December 10, continues to be recognized as Human Rights Day.

To quote from former U.S. president Jimmy Carter, "Everyone has a right to peaceful coexistence, the basic personal freedoms, the alleviation of suffering, and the opportunity to lead a productive life." Food for thought as we look forward to the approaching new year. For more information visit www.BetterWorld.net



NOTICE

Township of Algonquin Highlands

The regular meeting of Council
scheduled for
Thursday, December 20, 2007
has been CANCELLED.

The regular meetings scheduled to be held
in January 2008 will be held on
the following dates:

Thursday, January 10, 2008
and
Thursday, January 24, 2008

Regularly scheduled Council meetings
will resume in February 2008 to be
held on the first and third
Thursday of every month.

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BID INVITATION

The Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team (HHFHT) Invites interested General Contractors to submit Bids for the **Medical Building Tenancy, Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team**. The project generally involves 3,700 square feet of interior tenant improvements within the Haliburton Highlands Health Centre, in Haliburton, Ontario, all as fully detailed in the Bid Documents.

The documents can be obtained from the HHFHT (in either the Haliburton or Minden office) or from the Architect as of Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 12:00 noon. Bids must be submitted no later than Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 2:00 pm, to the HHFHT Reception Desk at the Minden office. For further information; please contact Duncan Ross Architect at 75 Main Street West, Suite 10, Huntsville, Ontario (705-789-3036).



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For the love of a good (nearby) hairdresser



STANHOPE LIFE

Gina Atkinson
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It's great to have a hairdresser nearby! If I had to travel to beautify myself, well, it just wouldn't get done. It is so easy for me to just walk around the corner and visit with Mark Christiano who has been my hairdresser for a few years now. Maybe even as many as eight years. This is longer than I have stayed with a hairdresser.

City salons were always intimidating as I am the casual sort and watching the well-dressed, perfect-hair-and-nails-type of employee made me want to change my appearance. After I left the place, this feeling did too. Too much work.

This week when I walked into Mark's, I knew immediately there was something different. There weren't the usual salon smells – I could smell food cooking. On an empty stomach this is usually painful for me. Mark told me that Renzo Rosati was making dinner for them.

Now if you know Renzo, this is totally NEW. In Mark's words he has now become a Renaissance man. He has even purchased a cookbook. On this night of topic he was preparing spaghetti and meatballs a la Mama Rosati. Now we all know about Italian moms. They love nothing better than when their kids ask for recipes. Especially if sons ask.

In my case, my mom will keep on asking me until I have made the meal. Most importantly, if I modify this recipe I don't tell her! It's equivalent to treason.

It smelled yummy. I think that Renzo is on the right path. But if he is anything like me I would advise him to burn the cookbook. There have been many hours pondering over mine.

My family and I have come to the conclusion that I should stick to a little bit of this and a little bit of that. Fingers do a pinch, a cupped hand, that sort of thing. If you follow a recipe you will find that you will never have the ingredients on hand, won't find the correct measuring utensil, or figure out metric. Just hope they don't use pounds and ounces!

If I ever wrote a cook book I would call it *Trial & Error*. Or, *I never killed anyone*.

The only book that I will keep, and hope that they will republish it for the rest of you, is the *Firefighters'*

Cookbook. This little gem was put together by the Stanhope Firefighters around 1994. It is compiled of recipes submitted by the firefighters and their ladies. It has pictures of firefighters at work, advertisements from businesses long gone and some still here. This little book is definitely worth keeping. Long time Hall's Lake resident Mary Stiver gave me my copy shortly after we moved up here and I am grateful. It has broadened my horizons.

This weekend is the Open Stage Friday night at The Hair Lounge. The show starts at 8 p.m. with doors opening at 7 p.m. Always a good crowd!

Saturday night Dala will be performing at The Hair Lounge. Give Mark Christiano a call to reserve your ticket or to find out more information. His number is 457-7587. You don't want to miss this performance.

They will be serving high class lattes and cappuccinos, as well as regular beverages. Also I am going to warn you that there will be tempting treats available for purchase.

This Saturday (December 8) the Stanhope Firefighters will be hosting their annual children's Christmas party.

The guys request that you register your children around twelve. This way Santa will have age- and gender-appropriate gifts for each child. The fun will start at 1:00 p.m. with fun things to do and munchies.

If anyone has a memory of Christmas they would like to share with the readers I will gladly pass it on. Since life isn't always a bed of roses it can be something sad as well as happy.

Have a great week and try to think of something positive as you look out at yet another foot of snow per day.

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All ATVers should be reminded that the Haliburton County Rail Trail is closed to all ATVers as of November 30 unless an exemption is granted by the County of Haliburton. By-law officers will be out to enforce the by-law with stiff financial penalties. All ATVers need to support this by-law to ensure continued access on this trail.

The Haliburton County Rail Trail will re-open for ATV use on June 1, 2008.



community calendar

What's happening in the Highlands

CURRENT EVENTS



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- Dec. 5 & 6: Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Open Houses. Please join us & see your \$\$ at work at your Health Care & Hospital Facilities. Minden: Upper level, Wed., Dec. 5th, 6-8 p.m.; Haliburton: Main entrance, Thurs., Dec. 6th, 6-8 p.m. View the Digital Radiography Technology. Auxiliary Gift shop is open. Enjoy a coffee & enter your name in for a chance to win a beautiful gift basket from our sponsor Reunion Island Coffee. For info call 457-1580 or 286-1580.
- Dec. 6: Christmas Open House - Historic Red Cross Outpost House Museum. Thurs., 1-4 & 7-9 p.m. Enjoy old-fashioned decorations & tasty refreshments.
- Dec. 6: The University's Women's Club of Haliburton Highlands will enjoy a pre-Christmas lunch at the Grill on the Gull in Minden. For tickets call Gerry Hogaboam, 754-1066.
- Dec. 6: Play & Learn in Wilberforce with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach - Lloyd Watson Centre Dec. 6 & 20. Drop-in & see us every other Thurs. at 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents & children 0-6 years will enjoy activities, crafts, & active circle times; toy & book lending; ideas to help keep kids healthy & safe; nutritional snacks; & guest speakers. Call 457-2989.
- Dec. 6: Ladies Fellowship. Thurs., 7:30 p.m. West Guilford Community Centre. Celebrating Christmas. Please bring 1/2 doz. of Christmas baking & unwrapped toy for 4Cs. Call Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2808.
- Dec. 6: Join the Community Care Diners Club for lunch at the Minden Legion at 12 noon. These luncheons offer fun, friendships and great food. Call 457-2941 if you would like to attend Diners Club.
- Dec. 6 & 7: Health & Safety Training available to Employer/Employees in the County. WHMIS training is being offered on Dec. 6 & 7 from 1-4. If you are interested please phone 457-5345 to register or e-mail info@pointintime.ca.
- Dec. 7: Wilberforce Ecumenical Service & Christmas Carol Service, 7 p.m. Refreshments to follow.
- Dec. 8: The Art Hive Gingerbread House Art Challenge. 1 - 4 pm. A Gingerbread House decorating challenge open to all individuals or teams. Materials will be supplied but you may bring your own special decorations. Houses are to be created at The Art Hive and will be on display until December 15. Members of the public may enter a draw to win one of the houses by making a minimum \$5.00 donation to The Food Bank. Advance registration required, please call 754-0021.
- Dec. 8: Abbey North Drummers CD Release Party at 8 p.m. At the Art Hive. Hear a live performance of selections from Abbey North Drummers' new CD 'On the Frontline' inspired by Stephen Lewis and dedicated to GrandMamas and Orphans. Help celebrate a highly successful musical project and raise funds to support HIV/AIDS projects in Africa. Admission is by donation. A minimum donation of \$25.00 is requested per CD. Space is limited, book now! Please call 754-0021.
- Dec. 9: Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols. St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden at 4 p.m. Join us for a traditional carol service using the form developed for King's College in Cambridge, England. St. Paul's Choir & Elaine Bell, organist & choir director, will be joined by four soloists who are local young people: Erin Stephen, Janice Kiteley, Nicole Jennings, & Travis Stephen. Free will offering. Refreshments follow.
- Dec. 10: Health & Safety Training available to Employer/Employees in the County. On Dec. 3 & 10 there is Level One Training for members. If you are interested please call 457-5345 to register or e-mail info@pointintime.ca.
- Dec. 12: Haliburton Well Baby Drop-In Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing & developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info. call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- Dec. 12: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. We are having our Christmas party for our members, which is sure to be a great time. For info call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.
- Dec. 12: Lochlin United Church Annual Community "Old Fasioned Christmas Carol Sing-Along", Wed., 7:30 p.m. Lochlin Road off County Rd. #1, Lochlin. Refreshments following: Hot cider & Christmas goodies. Donations to the Food Bank gratefully accepted.
- Dec. 12: The Minden Women's Institute Christmas Potluck Lunch will be held at the United Church on December 12 at 11:30 am. Members are invited to bring a friend to join in the fun. Please call to confirm attendance. We hope to see some new faces, so please contact Del at 286-4884 or Pam at 754-1656.
- Dec. 12: Join the Community Care Diners Club for a family style Chinese lunch at Win Yeung's in Haliburton, the lunch begins at 12 noon. These luncheons offer fun, friendships and great food. Call 457-2941 if you would like to attend Diners Club.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

Museum calendar great gift



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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Thank you to the volunteers and helpers who made and put up the Christmas boughs which are so beautifully decorating the village. They evoke that old fashioned Christmas spirit and I'm sure the community appreciates the work involved to do this project.

The Dorset Heritage Museum would like to remind everyone that the 2008 calendars make great Christmas gifts. They are made up of new pictures featuring people and places from Dorset's past. Maybe you or a family member is featured this year? They also have a wonderful cookbook called *Heritage Cooking: a collection of recipes from a lifetime of cooking*. It includes recipes from the kitchens of the first homes in the Muskoka and Haliburton regions. You can purchase the calendars at the local post office and Dorset TimBr Mart, and the calendars and cookbooks at Robinson's General Store, or contact the Dorset Heritage Museum at 766-0323.

The next meeting of the Dorset Book Club takes place on December 5 at 1 p.m. at the Dorset Library. The theme is a favourite Christmas story or a book of your choice. All are welcome. For more information, contact Ruth or Sandy at 766-9969.

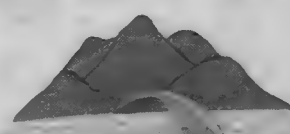
The community food and toy drive will take place on December 5. Vehicles will be departing from the fire hall at 6:30 p.m. Please leave a porch light on or signal by flashing a light. The vehicles will be identified by flashing red lights on fire trucks or flashing green lights on other vehicles. Contributions may also be left at the township office, Robinson's General Store, Dorset TimBr Mart and Tower Hill Marine.

Those interested in purchasing a Good Food Box for delivery on December 20 must have their \$15 per box in by Tuesday, December 11. Please call the Recreation Centre at 766-9968 for more information about this great program available to all.

Dorset Family Movie Night takes place on December 15 starting at 7 p.m. and will be showing "Santa Clause 3 - The Escape Clause." Admission is by donation and the popcorn is free. Treats will be available for purchase. Get into the Christmas spirit at this great family friendly event.

The ladies at Knox United Church will be packing baskets of Christmas goodies for anyone over 80 in the Dorset area. Please phone Stephanie Rabjohn at 766-2207 if you know of anyone who has not been receiving a Christmas basket or anyone who has just reached the magic age.

Birthday wishes for the week of December 2 to 8 go out to Weldon Tracey, Jackie Timbers, Gina Baum, Hubert Blais and Bruce Friday. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!



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(We wish to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors throughout the year for our many township events and wish each and every one of you a joyous and safe Christmas Season.)

December 2007

2ndNorthern Lights

7thDollo's IGA

23, 27, 28, 30, 31Tim Horton's

January 2008

2ndSubway Development

3rdTim Horton's

4thGordon Monk Funeral Homes Ltd.

Please remember, there is only ONE Council meeting in December, scheduled for December 13th, 2007.

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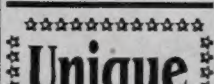
Legal Notices A900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the Estate of WILLIAM PETER ANGLE SR., late of the Town of Minden, in the Province of Ontario, Who died on September 17, 2007, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before January 5, 2008, thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Coming Events A940

A Joyous Christmas Afternoon
Haliburton Highlands Grannies
Sun Dec 16; 2 - 4 pm.
Stouffer Mill B & B
Admission by donation

FREE PUBLIC SKATING



P.A. DAY!!
Friday, Dec 7th
11am - 1pm
Minden Arena
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Coming Events A940

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 9th
4 p.m.
St. Paul's Church, Minden
(19 Invergordon, across the river from the Beer Store)
St. Paul's Choir
Elaine Bell,
Organist & Choir Director
Erin Stephen, Janice Kiteley,
Nicole Jennings, & Travis Stephen
Guest Soloists

Haliburton County Folk Society presents

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**Haliburton Legion
December 8, 2007**

9:00pm

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Christmas Social

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sat/Sun Dec. 1 & 2
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Submission Deadline to have your name embroidered on the quilt is
December 15.

Please send in your name and biography ASAP! Call Sharon Middlehurst at 286-1531 or mail to Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative, Box 1300, Haliburton, Ontario K0M1S0

YOU'RE INVITED

The Haliburton Messiah Chior Presents **"Sounds Of Christmas"** At the Northern Lights Pavilion Sunday December 9 at 2:30 and Monday December 10 at 7:30 Tickets \$15.00 Available at Pharmasave Minden & Kitchen's Etc Haliburton Featured Guest Artist Justin Vanlieshout Carol Sing-A-Long and Refreshments

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On the passing of June Dawson
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Much love - Diane, Tom, Ryan and Kate Dawson

Thank You Cards

WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our friends for the cards and Best Wishes we have received for my speedy recovery.

Special thanks to our friends in the coffee shop and the C.I.B.C. Bank, and especially for all the attention and care that we have received from the Minden Pharmasave. It is all very much appreciated. Thank you one and all.

Sincerely, Lucy & Ken Hone

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Deaths

MILLER, Floyd Milton - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, December 1, 2007. In his 81st year.

Beloved husband of the late Margaret Lydia (nee Coulter) (October 8, 2007). Dear father of Royce and his wife Donna, Dianne and her husband Dino, Betty-Jo and Tom. Loving grandfather of Sam, Rayne, Ryan, Damien and Ally. Dear brother of Hazel Johnson (Dorward deceased), Mabel Hewitt (Murray deceased) and Ray Miller (Caryl). Fondly remembered by Fern Miller, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 2:00 pm.

Reception to follow in the family centre at the funeral home.

Spring interment at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Boshkung.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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Words can never express our sincere appreciation for all the kindness and support at our time of loss. Thanks to Elaine Anderson (co-ordinator) and the wonderful caring drivers for the Canadian Cancer Society to Don's many appointments in Toronto. Thank you also to everyone who sent cards, e-mails and phone calls of condolence. Thanks so much to our wonderful friends and neighbours for food, flowers, donations and care to our pets when I was away so much. A special thanks to Murry and Zelda Cooper, Mike & Sandra Legge, Irene Moxam, Audrey Northey, Mary Jane Irwin, Michelle St. Germain, and Ann Knight. Thanks to Rev. Max for his kind words and lovely service, and to Kirsten Monk, Barry Gray and staff of the Gord Monk Funeral Home for their kind and compassionate help. Also to the ladies of the U.C.W. for the lovely luncheon after the service and to Doug Schell and the Minden Fire Department for their part in the funeral procession. Thank you again to the many caring friends that Don and our family have in this community.

God Bless each and every one of you

Sincerely,

Diane Booth and family.

Announcements

Obituaries

BAKER, Annie (nee Etchells) - It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Annie Baker (Etchells). Born in Oldham England 1918, she moved to Canada when she was 3 years old. She was the resident of Meadows Long Term Care Centre. Annie passed away in her 89th year, on Saturday, November 17, 2007 at McMaster Hospital, Hamilton.

Beloved wife of the late Horace Medwin Baker. Loving mother to Joanne McKinnell and her husband Jerry, Gerry Baker and his wife Sandy. Cherished Grandmother of Stephen McKinnell and his wife Linda, Janice Peters and her husband Ron, Kevin McKinnell and his wife Aileen, Sandra Santos and her husband Jose Luis, Charmaine Baker, Stephen Baker and his wife Lorie, Sean Baker and his wife Kris, and Bradley Baker. Annie had 10 lovely great-grand children. Fondly remembered by her sister-in-law Anne Baker, by her nieces, nephews and friends. Predeceased by her parents Alice and Thomas Etchells, her sisters Gladys and Alice, and by her brother Roland.

Annie was a long time member of The Order of the Amaranth from Hamilton, and the Eastern Star in Haliburton. Annie and Horry owned Baker Appliance Service in Hamilton for many years and then retired to Minden, where they enjoyed the Minden Legion and the curling clubs. They enjoyed their time fishing and enjoying the outdoors for many years until Horry took sick.

The family will receive friends and relatives to share their memories of Annie at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Friday, December 7, 2007 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 636 Minden. Cremation has taken place and her remains are to be scattered with Horry.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 636, Minden would be appreciated by the family.

Thank you, to all the special people in Minden and Ancaster. Special thanks to Nurse Tina, P.A.'s Doris, Diane, Mary and her long time neighbors Lois, Dorothy, Ethel and Howard. There are so many to thank at The Meadows Long Term Care, all the staff on Fieldcofe, Annie kept you all hopping and laughing.

In memoriam

BURK, Norma - In loving memory of my wife Norma who passed away December 6, 2003.

No farewell was spoken
No time to say good-bye
You were gone before I knew it
And only God knows why
It's lonely here without you
I miss you more each day
For life is not the same for me
Since you were called away.

- Forever in my heart, Neil.

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BURK, Norma - In loving memory of a dear friend who passed away December 6, 2003.

A page in our book of memories
Is gently turned today.

- Greatly missed, Dave and Kathy.

10819513

DEANS, Joyce - In loving memory of a dear wife and mother who passed away December 3, 2006.

- Sadly missed by her husband, daughters and grandson.

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JOHNSTON

In memory of my sons and brothers who left us suddenly. **Glen - Dec. 5/89; Myles - Oct 11/68; Alvin - Jan. 16/64** ranging in age from 7 to 33 yrs.

They say there is a reason
They say time will heal
But neither time nor reason
Will change the way I feel
For no one knows the heartache
Which lies behind my smile
No one knows how many times
I have broken down and cried.
I want to tell you something
So there won't be any doubt
You're so wonderful to think of
But so hard to live without.

- So sadly missed and lovingly remembered by Mom, brother, sisters and dear friend Scott.

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SHAPIERA, Joseph (Joe) - In loving memory of my dear husband who passed away December 6, 2005.

As time goes on without you
And the days turn into years.
They hold a million memories
And a thousand silent tears.
To me you were so very special
What more can I say.
Except to wish with all my heart
That you were here today.

- Love and miss you so much, Eileen.

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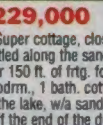
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Portage Lake: Super cottage, close to Haliburton. Nestled along the sand shoreline w/over 150 ft. of frtg. for good privacy. This 3 bdrm, 1 bath, cottage has a great view of the lake, w/a sandy beach, & deep water off the end of the dock. Off a yr. md. township road.

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Call Fred Chapple



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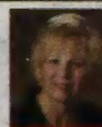
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Charming Country Home: Situated on 3.65 acres with a mixture of field & forest. The log portion of the home is full of history & charm while the addition provides a modern touch w/high cath. ceiling, new kit., bathroom w/whirlpool type tub & a loft for whatever you have in mind.

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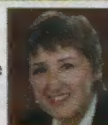
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Drag River: Custom built - 4 Season cottage/year round residence. Open concept, 3 Bdrms, 4 pc. bath, Fireplace, Main flr. Laundry, Walkout Bsm't., Dr. Well, Septic

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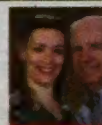
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